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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: ROUND TWO RESULTS AND ROUND
THREE PRIORITIES

REFS: OECD PARIS, 6743, 6983, 8391, 9751, 10026, 10062,
AND 10140.

SUMMARY: THE RESULTS OF ROUND II WERE MEAGER. OF THE
67 ITEMS DISCUSSED, ONLY 12 WERE RESOLVED. AS IN ROUND
I, NEARLY HALF OF THE REMAINDER COULD BE RESOLVED BY US
ACCEPTANCE OF OTHER PCS' PROPOSALS. US POSITIONS OF-
TEN TOOK LITTLE ACCOUNT OF ROUND I DEVELOPMENTS, OR
SOMETIMES SEEMED IN CONFLICT WITH TTG REPORTS.
MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE FOR ROUNDS III AND IV.
ROUND III STARTS JUNE 2. ACTION REQUESTED: BY MAY 8,
USDEL SHOULD RECEIVE US COUNTERPROPOSALS ON THREE ITEMS
AS A MATTER OF FIRST PRIORITY, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH
MAY 13 DEADLINE FOR THEIR SUBMISSION. AS A SECOND
PRIORITY, DEL SHOULD RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON ITEMS
(24 IN NUMBER) ON WHICH ONLY THE US NOW STANDS IN THE
WAY OF AGREEMENT. THIRD, DEL SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH
INSTRUCTIONS ON 21 ITEMS WHICH NEVERTHELESS REQUIRE
FURTHER TECHNICAL CONSIDERATION. OUR WEEKLY ACTION
SUMMARIES (REFTELS),AS WELL AS REPORTING CABLES ON
INDIVIDUAL ITEM DISCUSSIONS, GIVE DETAILS. END SUMMARY.
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1. FROM MARCH 3 THROUGH APRIL 17 THE COMMITTEE TRIED, WITH ONLY MEAGER SUCCESS, TO RESOLVE ITEMS NOT RESOLVED LAST FALL. OF 67 ITEMS DISCUSSED, ONLY 12 WERE DEFINITELY SETTLED; ONE OF THESE, 1526, SHOULD UNDERGO CAREFUL REVIEW IN WASHINGTON. ON 24 ITEMS, NEARLY HALF OF ALL THOSE STILL OUTSTANDING, AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED BY OUR AGREEMENT ALONE TO PROPOSALS ACCEPTED BY ALL OTHER PC'S. ON SEVERAL ITEMS (FOR EXAMPLE, 1362 VIBRATION TEST EQUIPMENT, AND 1585, PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT) THE DELEGATION FOUND ITS INSTRUCTIONS INADEQUATE IN THE FACE OF DETAILED, WELL-BUTTRESSED ARGUMENTS FOR RELAXATION OF THE EMBARGO BY OTHER DELS. IN THE CASE OF 1584, OSCILLOSCOPES, OUR LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS BROUGHT US UNDER WITHERING CRITICISM. WELL BEFORE THE TALKS ENDED IT BECAME APPARENT THAT AT LEAST ONE FURTHER ROUND WOULD BE NECESSARY. ROUND III WILL BEGIN JUNE 2 AND LAST UNTIL JUNE 28. A FURTHER SESSION WILL BE NEEDED AFTER THE SUMMER RECESS. IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS WE SET FORTH THE ACTION PRIORITIES FOR ROUND III AS THEY APPEAR TO US, AND AS ALREADY INDICATED IN OUR WEEKLY ACTION SUMMARIES (REFTELS) AND REPORTING CABLES.

2. FIRST PRIORITY IS TO FURNISH USDEL COUNTERPROPOSALS ON THREE ITEMS: 1142, 1362, AND 1584. COUNTERPROPOSAL ON 1362 SHOULD BE DRAFTED TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE FORCEFUL ARGUMENTS ADDUCED BY THE UK FOR RELAXATION AND THE UK COUNTERPROPOSAL QUOTED IN OECD PARIS 9854. ALTERNATIVELY WE COULD AGREE TO DELETION, RAISE CUTOFF, OR INTRODUCE AN ADMINISTRATIVE EXCEPTION NOTE. RESOLUTION OF IL 1584 WILL ALSO MAKE POSSIBLE PROMPT RESOLUTION OF IL 1541 (CATHODE RAY TUBES). SINCE, UNDER AGREEMENT REACHED ON ROUND III SCHEDULING, NEW COUNTERPROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 13, WE SHOULD RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON THESE ITEMS NO LATER THAN MAY 8 TO ALLOW TIME FOR TYPING AND REPRODUCTION.

3. SECOND PRIORITY: INSTRUCTIONS ON 24 ITEMS ON WHICH ALL DELEGATIONS SAVE THE US HAVE AGREED ON A PROPOSAL FOR REDEFINITION OR DELETION. PROMPT RESOLUTION COULD

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BE ACHIEVED BY LIFTING OF US RESERVES, CONFIRMATION OF AD REF AGREEMENTS, OR OBJECTION, AS THE CASE MAY BE. IF US DECIDES TO OBJECT (AS IT MAY DO ON IL 1670, TANTALUM ALLOYS, OR 1517(B) RADIO TRANSMITTERS), OBJECTION SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY ARGUMENTS CONVINCING TECHNOLOGICALLY AND CONSISTENT WITH COCOM CRITERIA. IF WASHINGTON DECIDES AN ITEM WE HAVE CLASSIFIED UNDER THIS PRIORITY CANNOT BE SO RESOLVED, THEN IT WILL HAVE

TO BE ADDED TO PRIORITY THREE--SEE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH.

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4. THIRD PRIORITY: FORMULATION OF POSITIONS ON 21 ITEMS WHICH COULD REQUIRE FURTHER TECHNICAL DISCUSSION, SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS BY OTHER DELEGATIONS OR REVISION OF US POSITIONS IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSION. ON SIX OF THESE (1080, 1081, 1016, 1671, 1746, AND 1529) THE EXCHANGE COULD TAKE PLACE THROUGH DOCUMENTS ALONE, WITHOUT ORAL DISCUSSION. IN THE CASE OF IL 1585, PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT, SIMPLE REVISION OF OUR PROPOSAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF PARAMETERS SUGGESTED BY OTHER DELS WOULD SUFFICE. WE HAVE INCLUDED UNDER THIRD PRIORITY IL 1526, COMMUNICATIONS CABLE, BECAUSE OF OUR BELIEF THAT THE US OBJECTION SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF COUNTERPROPOSALS BY MAY 8, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE.

B. INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFTING OF US RESERVES, CONFIRMATION OF AD REFS, OR OBJECTIONS, PROPERLY SUPPORTED (PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE).

C. POSITIONS AS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 4.

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